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SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed Anti-Terrorism Legislation

REFERENCE: OLL 85-2110, dated 23 July 1985, Same Subject

1. Both bills appear to be helpful to the overall US effort to combat terrorism, but they do raise certain implications for intelligence. First, they reflect the growing role of law enforcement elements--especially the FBI--in this effort overseas. Unless carefully coordinated, that could affect our collection operations and liaison with local police and security services. The arrival of a highly visible FBI special agent on the scene, for example, could be tantamount to assignment of a "Terrorism Attache".

2. Second, as the FBI becomes increasingly involved overseas, we may have reason for increasing concern about sources and methods, especially if the national strategy is to bring these terrorists to public trial. I need not highlight to you the possibilities of losing some of our most sensitive sources to discovery. As these matters procede, we should maintain a running assessment of their impact.

3. I look forward to seeing Bob Oakley's comments on these proposed bills.


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